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I SUBMISSION OF SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION

(complete (a) or (b))

- (a) ☐ Attached is an assertion of small entity status in this application.
(b) ☐ An assertion of small entity status was filed in this application on
_____.

II REFUND REQUEST

This request for refund is made for the fee which was paid in this application on July 20, 2007, in the amount of \$ 500.00 (Notice of Appeal fee).

It is believed that Applicant has a credit for one Notice of Appeal Fee that was paid with respect to a Previous Notice of Appeal Fee dated April 18, 2005.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Previous Notice of Appeal Fee paid with the Previous Notice of Appeal dated April 18, 2005 be applied to the Present Notice of Appeal Fee due with the Present Notice of Appeal dated July 20, 2007 in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1207.04.

The prosecution history, in relevant part, is as follows:

- 1st Notice of Appeal dated April 18, 2005 (\$500 fee paid)
- 1st Appeal Brief Filed on July 18, 2005 (\$500 fee paid)
- Examiner reopens prosecution on October 7, 2005
- Examiner mails Office Action on October 7, 2005

Thus, the Examiner reopened prosecution of the present application without the Appeal Brief ever reaching the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for a decision on the merits.

Subsequently, Applicant filed a 2nd Notice of Appeal dated July 20, 2007. It is therefore believed that Applicant has a credit of \$500 for the 1st Notice of Appeal Fee paid back on April 18, 2005.

The relevant portion of the M.P.E.P. is M.P.E.P. § 1207.04, which states:

If, appellant elects to continue prosecution and prosecution was reopened prior to a decision on the merits by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the fee paid for the notice of appeal, appeal brief, and request for oral hearing (if applicable) will be applied to a later appeal on the same application.

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<i>NOTE: The refund provisions of § 1.28(a), for later submitted small entity statements, apply to maintenance fees. Notice of July 30, 1984, 1046 O.G. 28-37.</i>	
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